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SUMMARY: SOVIET AMBASSADOR TROYANOVSKY WILL LEAVE
TOKYO APRIL 17 AFTER ALMOST NINE YEARS IN THE POST. HIS SUCCESSOR,
ALMOST CERTAIN TO BE FORMER AGRICULTURAL MINISTER POLYANSKY, WILL
ARRIVE BEFORE APRIL 29. THOUGH TROYANOVSKY APPEARS TO BE
HEADED FOR A MOSCOW ASSIGNMENT, HIS POLITICAL STAFF,
WHO SAY THEY WILL MISS HIM, THINK HE IS IDEALLY
QUALIFIED FOR WASHINGTON, AND GUESS THAT HIS STAY
IN MOSCOW MAY BE SHORT. END SUMMARY.

1. SOVIET AMBASSADOR OLEG TROYANOVSKY DEPARTS TOKYO
APRIL 17. DURING HIS FAREWELL CALLS ON PRIME MINISTER
MIKI AND FOREIGN MINISTER MIYAZAWA APRIL 12, BOTH THE
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JAPANESE LEADERS TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO REMIND THE

SOVIET DIPLOMAT OF THE NECESSITY TO SOLVE OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. TROYANOVSKY WAS ASKED TO CONVEY TO HIS SUPERIORS THE DESIRE OF THE JAPANESE TO SETTLE THE TERRITORIAL QUESTION AND CONCLUDE A PEACE TREATY. ACCORDING TO FONOFF FIRST EAST EUROPEAN DIVDIR ARAI, TROYANOVSKY DID NOT ARGUE, STATING SIMPLY THAT SOVIET POSITION HAD BEEN MADE CLEAR BY FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO IN JANUARY.

2. ARAI COMMENTED THAT TROYANOVSKY APPEARED TO BE LEAVING TOKYO IN A JOLLY MOOD, HAPPY TO BE ABLE TO CLAIM THAT HE HAD PREVENTED THE SIGNING OF A PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP TREATY BETWEEN CHINA AND THE USSR DURING HIS TENURE. IN GENERAL, ARAI HAS FOUND THE SOVIETS RELAXED OF LATE, AND SPECULATES THAT THE COMBINATION OF DOMESTIC TURMOIL IN THE PRC AND LOCKHEED PARALYSIS IN JAPAN CONVINCED THE SOVIET LEADERS TO CHOOSE THE PRESENT SLOW PERIOD IN JAPAN-SOVIET RELATIONS FOR THIS IMPORTANT AMBASSADORIAL SHUFFLE. ASKED TO CONFIRM PRESS GUESSING THAT TROYANOVSKY WOULD BE REPLACED BY FORMER AGRICULTURAL MINISTER POLYANSKY, ARAI REFUSED OFFICIAL COMMENT, BUT SAID PRIVATELY THAT HE THOUGHT THE RUMORS WERE TRUE. THE SOVIETS, HE ADDED, HAD ASSURED HIM THAT THE NEW AMBASSADOR WOULD ARRIVE IN TOKYO IN TIME FOR THE EMPEROR'S BIRTHDAY APRIL 29.

3. SOVIET EMBASSY PERSONNEL IN TOKYO BEMOAN TROYANOVSKY'S DEPARTURE. THEY ARE USED TO HIS WAYS AFTER ALL THIS TIME AND, ACCORDING TO POLITICAL COUNSELOR KOMAROVSKY, LIKE HIS STYLE. POLYANSKY, WHOM KOMAROVSKY BELIEVES IS "NINETY-NINE PERCENT SURE" TO COME HAS A REPUTATION AS A THOROUGH-GOING PROFESSIONAL AND AN IMPRESSIVE POLITICAL FIGURE, BUT AS A PERSON IS AN UNKNOWN QUANTITY.

4. THE BETTING HERE IS THAT TROYANOVSKY WILL BE POSTED FIRST TO MOSCOW. THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR DENIED RUMORS THAT HE MIGHT BE HEADED FOR WASHINGTON, AND TOLD ARAI (WHO IS LEAVING AT THE END OF THE MONTH FOR A YEAR AT BROOKINGS) THAT "HE WOULD NOT SEE HIM THERE." CONFIDENTIAL

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ACCORDING TO KOMAROVSKY, TROYANOVSKY HAS LONG DESIRED A POSTING IN MOSCOW, AND NOW, WITH A DAUGHTER RECENTLY MARRIED AND ABOUT TO PRODUCE HER FIRST CHILD, HAS COMPELLING PERSONAL REASONS TO WANT A JOB IN THE CAPITAL. KOMAROVSKY BELIEVES, HOWEVER, THAT TROYANOVSKY IS SUPERBLY QUALIFIED TO BE AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON AND SUSPECTS PRIVATELY THAT HIS MOSCOW ASSIGNMENT MAY BE A SHORT ONE.

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